

ABSTRACT

Hatchlings are raised initially on a strip of sheet material which is laid on the floor of a containment pen with a layer of a feed material for the hatchlings. After the hatchlings have grown to a stage where they can move from the paper, the strip is removed by a hand cart operable by a user walking with the cart, the hand cart having wheels arranged for hand steering movement of the vehicle by the user to follow the strip while avoiding the hatchlings. A support is provided on the vehicle for winding the strip into a roll as the cart is moved across the floor. The support is rotated either by a motor or by a hand crank controlled by the user so that the cart is propelled solely by the winding of the strip onto the roll providing a pulling action on the cart and by pushing by the user. Alternatively the roll is driven by frictional contact with the ground wheels so that it rolls up the strip at a rate dependent on the forward movement of the cart.